08-400 Administration

The mission of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Corrections Services is to provide for the custody, control, care, and treatment of adjudicated offenders through enforcement of the laws and implementation of programs designed to ensure the safety of the public, staff, and inmates and reintegrate offenders into society. The goals of Corrections Services are:

- 1. Public Safety: Maximize public safety through appropriate and effective correctional custodial and supervisory programs.
- 2. Staff and Inmate Safety: Provide for the safety of correctional staff and inmates by maintaining an organized and disciplined system of operations that promotes stability in institutional and other field operations.
- 3. Provision of Basic Services: Provide appropriate services for victims of crimes committed by those offenders in the department's custody or under the department's supervision; and ensure that the basic services relating to adequate food, clothing, health care, and shelter are provided to the inmate population.
- 4. Opportunity for Change: Provide an environment that enables positive behavior change by making or identifying educational and rehabilitative opportunities available within the unit or the community for inmates and persons under supervision who demonstrate motivation for change and the desire to participate in rehabilitative programs.
- 5. Opportunity for Making Amends: Provide opportunities for making restitution and participating in community restorative initiatives as a mechanism to compensate, in some fashion, individuals and communities harmed by crime.

American Correctional Association (ACA) accreditation encompasses all of the department's goals and priorities and serves as a catalyst for productive change in the policy-making, management, and operational processes in the state's correctional institutions, probation and parole divisions, and contract programs. The ACA is a national, nonprofit organization of correctional professionals and practitioners that has developed rigorous standards for prisons and other correctional operations. The core of the department's strategic and operational plans involves achievement of accreditation departmentwide. This achievement demonstrates that the department can govern itself without the federal court's continued supervision. ACA accreditation is a credential that identifies the state correctional system as stable, safe, and constitutional.

The standards used for ACA accreditation address services, programs, and operations essential to good correctional management, including administrative and fiscal controls, staff training and development, physical plant, safety and emergency procedures, sanitation, food service, rules and discipline, and a variety of subjects that comprise good correctional practice. The department will continue to utilize accreditation as the gauge for measuring the competency, professionalism, and integrity of the state correctional system. In this regard, multi-disciplinary teams from adult and juvenile operations, institutional and support positions participate in scheduled audits of all adult and juvenile correctional institutions, nonsecure contract facilities, and work release centers. In doing so, participants gain a broad perspective and appreciation for the scope of responsibility of the entire system.

The Office of Corrections Services - Administration has five programs: Office of the Secretary, Office of Management and Finance, Adult Services, Pardon Board, and Parole Board.

BUDGET SUMMARY

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						RECOMMENDED
	ACTUAL	ACT 10	EXISTING	CONTINUATION	RECOMMENDED	OVER/(UNDER)
	1998-1999	1999- 2000	1999- 2000	2000 - 2001	2000 - 2001	EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$16,004,140	\$16,072,649	\$17,064,351	\$18,051,705	\$23,030,904	\$5,966,553
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	2,144,615	3,207,557	3,534,995	3,534,995	3,534,995	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	861,423	828,432	828,432	828,432	828,432	0
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	2,058,029	5,926,386	5,926,386	5,708,847	6,408,847	482,461
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$21,068,207	\$26,035,024	\$27,354,164	\$28,123,979	\$33,803,178	\$6,449,014
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Office of the Secretary	\$1,582,078	\$1,522,081	\$1,522,081	\$1,543,995	\$1,523,493	\$1,412
Office of Management and Finance	17,343,672	22,550,993	23,870,133	24,563,075	29,259,735	5,389,602
Adult Services	1,255,889	1,072,215	1,072,215	1,094,830	2,109,629	1,037,414
Pardon Board	299,285	309,969	309,969	315,056	320,375	10,406
Parole Board	587,283	579,766	579,766	607,023	589,946	10,180
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$21,068,207	\$26,035,024	\$27,354,164	\$28,123,979	\$33,803,178	\$6,449,014
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	144	150	150	155	152	2
Unclassified	50	50	52	52	52	0
TOTAL	194	200	202	207	204	2

This agency's recommended appropriation does not include any funds for short-term debt.

In addition to the above recommendation, \$1,792 will be paid in Fiscal Year 2000-2001 for long-term debt incurred on behalf of this agency from the previous sale of bonds. Total long-term debt payments for the state for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 are reflected in the Governor's Executive Budget Supporting Document in Non-Appropriated Requirements, Schedule 22-922. This agency's recommended appropriation also includes the following amount by means of financing for payments on the unfunded accrued liability of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System in accordance with the provisions of Article X, Section 29 of the Constitution of Louisiana:

State General Fund (Direct) \$436,730

Total \$436,730